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Florman Family Foundation Supports Miami Heat Wheels



Miami Heat Wheels 04/05

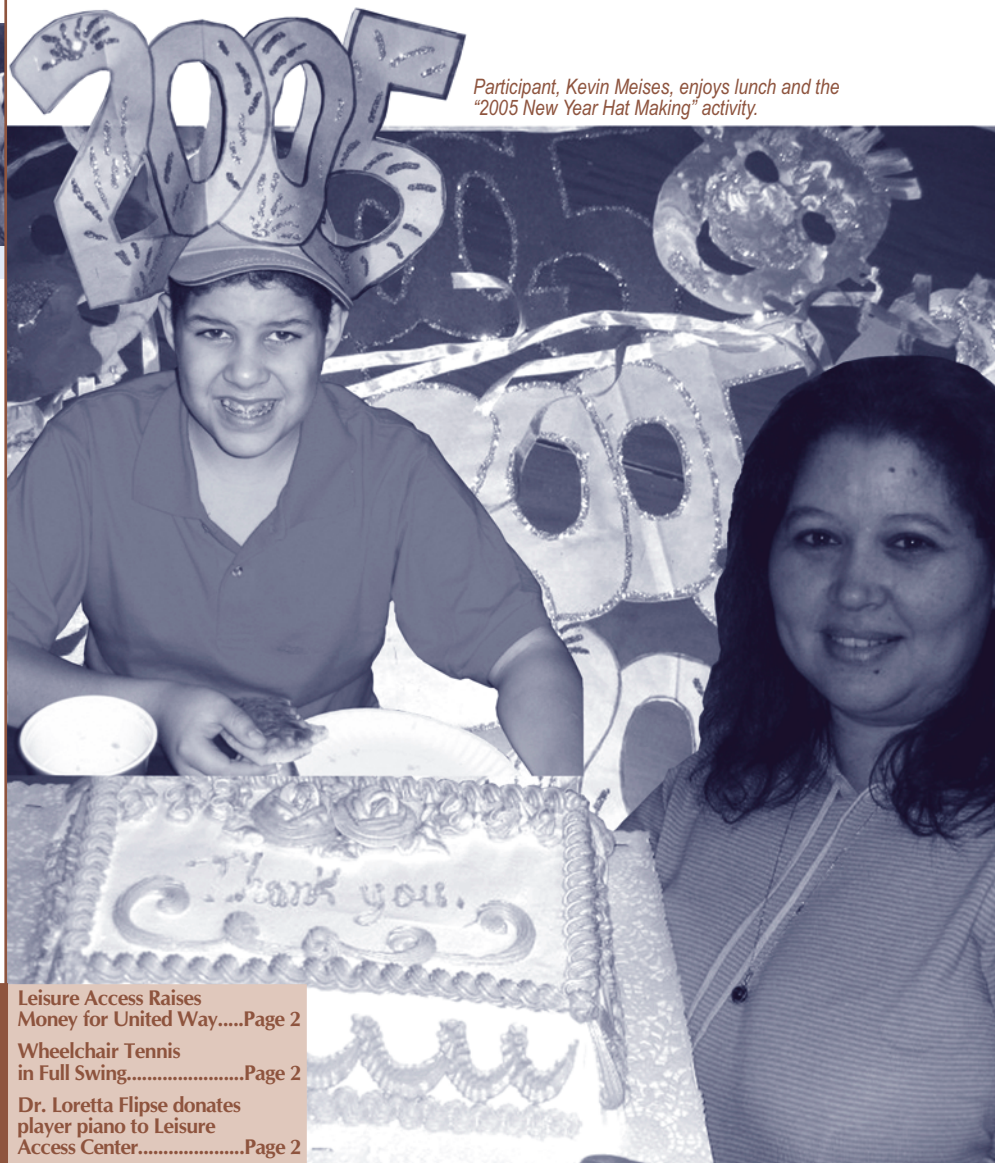
Ranked # 2 in the Nation- Miami Heat Wheels Wheelchair Basketball Team is preparing for the Regional Tournament in Bloomington, Illinois. Their record is 14 & 2. This team is sponsored by the Leisure Access Foundation, Miami-Dade Parks, and the Miami Heat. A surprise donation from the Florman Family Foundation allowed the team to travel to New Orleans to play in one of the strongest tournaments in their division, strengthening their chances for a National Title. The Team, Coach, and Staff thank them for their timely donation. Come out and support these committed and hardworking athletes. Call 305-755-7848 v/tdd for more information.

Winning Schedule 2004/2005

Miami- 58 vs. Jacksonville-16
Miami- 75 vs. Jacksonville-18
Miami-59 vs. Florida Force-54
Miami-57 vs. Florida Force-55
Miami-61 vs. Orlando-39
Miami-63 vs. Orlando-22
Miami-43 vs. Orlando-19
Miami-66 vs. Orlando-9
Miami-53 vs. Ft. Myers-23
Miami-48 vs. Ft. Myers-18
Miami-60 vs. Ft. Myers-26
Miami-56 vs. Ft. Myers-18
2/6/05- Miami vs. Florida Force
2/16-2/19 Division III Tournament,
Bloomington, Illinois

Greynold's Camp After School Program kicks off 2005 with a New Year's Eve Parent's Day

Parents were invited to enjoy lunch and a craft activity with their children.



Participant, Kevin Meises, enjoys lunch and the "2005 New Year Hat Making" activity.

Although it was a special day for parents, participant, Jennifer Munoz' mom, Nerina brought the staff a "Thank you" cake for all of their hard work.

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Nickelodeon's World Wide Day of Play at Camp Matecumbe



World Wide Day of Play participant uses a "hands-on" approach to his art project.

As part of qualifying for an ongoing grant, Leisure Access brought kids with and without disabilities together to engage in the sheer joy of non-competitive play. Grant dollars will support more opportunities for inclusive groups of kids to get outside, get fit, laugh and learn together. Thanks goes out to FIU Recreation Therapy Students for helping out with the Day of Play.

Wheelchair Tennis in Full Swing



Coach, Ruben LaMothe gives Kenny some tips on his forehand.

The Leisure Access Foundation and Miami-Dade Parks wheelchair tennis program provides competitive tennis training to wheelchair athletes and novices alike at the "Big Five" Tennis Club (Just north of the Tamiami Trail on SW 92nd Ave). The program is free of charge and takes place every Saturday. If you would like more information on how to register for lessons please call 305-755-7848 v/tdd.

Wheelchair Tennis Clinic
International Wheelchair Tennis Championship will occur during the NASDAQ-100 again this spring. The tournament opens with the wheelchair tennis pros giving a clinic for local children who use wheelchairs. For more information on the clinic, call Dana at 305-755-7848 v/tdd.

Dr. Loretta Flipse donates player piano to Leisure Access Center



Dr. Flipse and her player piano

Dr. Flipse family's treasured, player piano survived WWII and was brought over from Europe. It is valued at over \$12,000 and has more than 120 original rolls of player piano music. Many thanks to her and her family for their generous donation. It will certainly bring hours of enjoyment to the participants and staff of the Leisure Access Center at A.D. Barnes Park.



Leisure Access Participants enjoy the player piano.

Leisure Access Raises Money for United Way



*Litza DelGado
(Region 1) putts
on hole #8.
Litza won the best
score from
outside regions.*

In November, Leisure Access Services had three fundraisers for the United Way. The first was at the Employee's Day at Camp Owaissa Bauer, where the staff sold food, did a cake walk and sold fun photos. The next was at the Rib Fest at Homestead Bayfront Park running the Dunk Tank fundraiser. Finally, Leisure Access concluded their fundraising with the Hickman Putt Classic held on the third floor of the Hickman Building. These efforts raised \$1800 for the United Way to benefit the Leisure Access Foundation. The Foundation supports our competitive disability sports program teams which frequently travel to out-of-town competitions. Special thanks to Tim Byrnes and Elisa Smith for their help in making this fundraising season a success.



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Children's Trust Fund Programs

These programs are funded by the Children's Trust, a dedicated source of revenue established by voter referendum to improve the lives of children and families in Miami-Dade County.

Tamiami Afterschool Program

Kids in The Children's Trust After School Program at Tamiami Park make drawings to describe stories they've read. An important component of all Children's Trust programs is literacy. The Bookmobile visits the camp site so the children can experience reading and other literacy activities as a new leisure skill.



New After School Program at Westwind Lakes

Leisure Access Services staff are joining forces with The Children's Trust and the Park Department's Region 1 General Recreation staff, to implement an inclusive after school program at the new Recreation Center in Westwind Lakes Park, located at 6805 SW 152nd Avenue. Recreation Therapist Jody Santiago, Park Manager 1 Sekena Brown, and Park Manager 3 Jay Bogaard are working hard to make the recreation program one that helps kids learn healthy leisure skills while having fun. Children with and without

disabilities will participate in sports, fitness, dance, ceramics, music and will get help with homework, while at the after school program. A list of exciting field trips rounds out the schedule of activities. To register your child, call Jody at 305-234-4948.

Greynold's Camp After School Program

The after school program at Greynolds Camp provides Dance and Art Specialists who work with children with developmental disabilities to explore creative outlets, as well as our own Leisure Access staff who teach sports and fitness activities to improve health. Located at 18601 NW 22nd Avenue, this program is funded by The Children's Trust. Call Helen at 305-945-3425 for registration and more information.



Therapeutic Movement at Greynold's Camp with dance therapist, Ana Miranda



Camp Matecumbe

Camp Matecumbe participants celebrated during Winter Camp by inviting all of the Leisure Access Children's programs to a Winter Carnival. A bounce house, carnival games, healthy treats, and a puppet show contributed to the carnival atmosphere. This gave children from other Leisure Access programs the chance to play, create, and enjoy many activities while meeting new friends. This program is funded by The Children's Trust. This program for children with disabilities promotes physical activity, literacy and social skills.



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ONGOING PROGRAMS

For Children with Disabilities:

After school Programs:

Camp Matecumbe-call Gisel Prado 305-752-4966 or 305-755-7848

Tamiami Park- call Arlene Bouza-Jou 305-222-2128
 Greynold's Camp- call Helen Barnfather 305-945-3425
 Westwind Lakes-call Jody Santiago 305-234-4948

Aquatics:

A.D. Barnes Pool- call Nelson Canales 305-665-5319
 Cutler Ridge Pool-call Jody Santiago 305-234-4948

Goalball

call Anthony Coats 305-945-3425

Golf

Program for children 6 yrs to 14 yrs with Autism at Briar Bay Golf Course
 Call Jody Santiago for registration information 305-234-4948

Sports Saturday

call Nelson Canales 305-665-5319

For Adults with Disabilities

Wheelchair Tennis-call Gisel Prado 305-752-4966 or 305-755-7848

Wheelchair Basketball- call Gisel Prado 305-752-4966 or 305-755-7848

AD Barnes Day Programs- call Nelson Canales 305-665-5319

Aquatics:

A.D. Barnes Pool- call Nelson Canales 305-665-5319
 Cutler Ridge Pool-call Jody Santiago 305-234-4948

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, March 29th-

NASDAQ Wheelchair Tennis Clinic at the Crandon Park Tennis Center, 6800 Crandon Blvd Key Biscayne. Learn tennis tips from the pros. Free. From 10am-noon. Call Dana to register 305-755-7848v/tdd.

Saturday, April 23rd

Family Festival of Arts & Games at Kendall Indian Hammocks Park, 11395 SW 79th Street. Families of children with disabilities will enjoy a day of arts, crafts, petting zoo, music, wheelchair races and much more. Free. From 10am - 4pm. Call Dana 305-755-7848 v/tdd for more information and to register.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have comments or suggestions for this newsletter, please contact Dana Pezoldt at dpezold@miamidade.gov.

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For more information call 305-755-7848 v/tdd.

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